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COL. CHARLES LEWIS.

Nov. 25, 1795

To the Honourable Speaker and Members of the Virginia House of Delegates— The Petition of Thomas Lewis sheweth that your petitioners father, Charles Lewis, late of Albemarle County Dec'd. was one among the first Citizens of this Commonwealth who took arms against Great Britain, that early in the year 1775 he was on his march to Williamsburg at the head of a company of Volunteers to restrain the outrages then committed by Lord Dunmore, he was met by Col. Henry who informed him he had effected that object, he was soon after appointed to the command of a Regiment of Minute men, that serving as long as there was occasion for his services on the Eastern part of the State, he was sent on an expedition against the Cherokies which was not terminated untill about December, 1776, on his return he was appointed to the Command of the 14th. Virginia Regiment, that he continued in that service untill sometime in the year 1778, that then the care of a large family obliged him to resign, that in December, 1778, he was appointed to Command a Regiment destined to guard the Convention Troops at the Barracks in Albemarle and that he died in that Command, the 26th day of Feb., 1779.

Your petitioners father not having served the term of three years either in the Continental Army or in the service of this State, he is not entitled as his representative to the bounty of land given to officers who did serve for that time, but as your petitioners father was in the Service of the United States, and of this State at least three years, and died in the service of this State, your petitioner trusts that he will be allowed the same bounty in land that has been allowed to others who your petitioner humbly conceives were not better entitled to it and your petitioner will pray as in duty bound—

Howell Lewis

Endorsement—Howell Lewis, Petitioner, 25th., Nov., /95
Reasonable—A Colonel's Bounty to Representative.
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